



New York City Passenger Arrivals

More immigrants came through the port of New York City than any other port in North America. The first immigrants the New York City area arrived in 1624.

A. Pre-1820 passenger lists

1. Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index at www.Ancestry.com
2. Olive Tree Genealogy at www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships
3. Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild at www.immigrantships.net

B. 1820+ NYC receiving stations

1. 1820-1855, various piers
2. 1855-1890, Castle Garden
3. 1890-1892, Barge Office
4. 1892-1897, Ellis Island
5. 1897-1899, Barge Office
6. 1900-1924, Ellis Island
1924-1957, Ellis Island was a detention and deportation center
7. 1924 to present, immigrants obtain immigrant visas through an U.S. Embassy in their own country, foia.state.gov/Request/Visa.aspx

C. 1820+ passenger lists online

1. Castle Garden, www.castlegarden.org (free)
 - i. New York passenger lists, 1820-1892
 - ii. 11 million immigrant names
 - iii. Index
 - iv. Images
2. Ancestry, www.ancestry.com (\$)
 - i. New York passenger lists, 1820-1957
 - ii. Over 22 million immigrant names
 - iii. Index
 - iv. Images
3. Ellis Island, www.libertyellisfoundation.org (free)
 - i. New York passenger lists, 1892-1954
 - ii. Over 12 million immigrant names
 - iii. Index

- iv. Images
 - 4. FamilySearch Records, www.familysearch.org (free)
 - i. New York Passenger lists, 1820-1891 and 1892-1924
 - ii. Over 37 million immigrant names
 - iii. Index
 - iv. Images
 - 5. Stephen Morse, <http://stevemorse.org> (free)
 - i. 1892-1924, Gold Form (best for this time frame)
 - ii. 1892-1957, White Form
 - iii. 1820-1957, All NY Ship Lists
 - 6. National Archives (AAD), <https://aad.archives.gov/aad>, under Genealogy/Personal History, click **Passenger Lists**. Name search gives name, gender, occupation, native country, town of last residence, destination, port of embarkation, ship name, arrival date:
 - i. Russians, 1834-1897
 - ii. Irish, 1846-1851
 - iii. Germans, 1850-1897
 - iv. Italians, 1855-1900
 - 7. German Roots, www.germanroots.com, 1820-1940s
- D. FamilySearch Wiki, <https://familysearch.org/wiki> gives information on the best records to use, where to find them, when records start, links to websites, etc.
- In the Wiki, type **New York** in the search box. On the New York page, click **Online Records** or **Emigration & Immigration**.
- E. Tips when a simple search doesn't find the immigrant in the databases:
- 1. Search using:
 - i. The names of others who came with the immigrant.
 - ii. Spelling variations of the names.
 - iii. Only the last name with dates and places.
 - iv. Only the first name with dates and places.
 - 2. Try more than one of the websites listed above.
 - 3. Try other types of records that may give an alternative date, place, or spelling variation, such as:
 - i. Naturalization records
 - ii. Marriage records
 - iii. Censuses
 - iv. Death records
 - v. Obituaries
 - vi. Burial records

The information depends on the location and time frame. For instance, naturalization records before 1906 usually do not give as much information as those after 1906.

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